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**RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated May 9, 2006, the time for response to which having been extended for one month from August 9, 2006, to and including September 11, 2006 (this being the first business day after September 9, a Saturday), by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully request consideration and entry of the following remarks:

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper (the claims have been maintained unchanged).

**Remarks** begin on page 27 of this paper.